

REMARKS

By Official Action mailed September 14, 2006, restriction to one of the following inventions and/or species of the claimed invention is required:

- Invention I Claims 1-13, drawn to a rotor, classified in class 416, subclass 3.
- Invention II Claims 19-23, 25, drawn to a filter device, classified in class 210, subclass 512.1.
- Invention III Claims 14-18, 24, drawn to energy transfer device, classified in class 41, subclass 9.

In response, Applicants hereby elect Invention II (filter device), upon which all pending claims, i.e., claims 19-23 and 26-39, are readable.

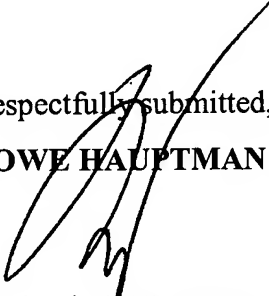
The non-elected claims, i.e., claims 1-18 and 24-25, have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Elected claim 19 has been rewritten in independent form. Claims 19-23 have been amended to better define the claimed invention. New claims 26-39 readable on the elected invention have been added to provide Applicants with the scope of protection to which they are believed entitled. The amended/added claims find solid support in the application as filed, e.g., the original claims. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments.

Early examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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